

Elizabeth C. Bolton

(- 26 Aug 1865)

Bolton. On Saturday, August 26, Miss Elizabeth C. Bolton, aged 73 years, sister of the late Commodore Bolton, U.S. Navy. Her friends and those of the Commodore and Mrs. Charles Wilkes are invited to attend her funeral on Tuesday the 29th inst. at 4 o'clock from 226 C street.

Charles Willkes married 2nd the widow of Capt. William Compton Bolton.

Autobiography of Rear Admiral Charles Wilkes, p. 733

My wife broke up her tiny establishment on F Street and made provision for Miss Bolton, her sister in law, of whom she had taken charge. Subsequently, she was removed to a small house on G Street which we had rented for her. She was rather peculiar in her disposition, was a confirmed invalid and a martyr to the inflammatory rheumatism. Everything was done for her that could be thought of to make her comfortable in her new abode. It was impossible to engage lodgings for her, and this was the most feasible and desirable plan, for it kept her from contact with others and avoided the worry of the querulousness of her temper which from her untoward state of illness made her fretful and unmanageable. The whole conduct of my dear wife was so admirable in Character, & so kind and attentive and sisterly that it was a charming attraction to her great kindness and good sense. It afforded me pleasure to sustain all her efforts. She was truly an object of charity and, as was to be expected, difficult to live with. This relieved us greatly, as it not only provided for her comfort but prevented her having constantly difficulties with those she boarded with and made her entirely independent with her own servants to attend to her and relieved my dear wife of much of the anxiety on her account and the trials she had and was probably the only one whose love and affection she retained. Miss Bolton's death occurred several years after, and relieved her from the pain and loneliness of life. I attended her funeral with my son Jack and did everything that could be done to evince respect and see to the last offices. She was buried in the Congressional burying ground